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Final

Communities in Bloom Committee

Thursday, June 16, 2022 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on May 31, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, K. Bagnell at 4:06 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:	4 -	K. Bagnell Councillor A.M. Kungl D. Brooke-Bagnell D. Ramsay
Absent:	2 -	A. VanderWerf J. Brady

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Parks Horticulture Foreperson, M. Boyd.

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

BUS STOP/ROOFTOP POLLINATOR GARDENS

Jason Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure stated that since the pollinator gardens were mentioned at another Committee meeting in 2021, further research was conducted on the bus stop roof top pollinator gardens, and it was concluded that no municipalities in North America were participating in the pollinator gardens because of the climate. Mr. Zimmerman further discussed areas in the United States that were able participate in the pollinator gardens because they do not get the colder temperatures as in North America. He indicated that the manufacturer would not provide a warranty on any of the shelters built due to potentially low survivability in the climate changes in North America. Mr. Zimmerman advised that all new bus shelters that are currently being installed come equipped with solar panels on them.

Members of the Committee had further discussions on this item with staff, asked questions of Mr. Zimmerman, and received responses.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM EVENTS/INFORMATION/UPDATES

The Committee discussed promoting the Communities in Bloom registration and pamphlet distribution opportunities, such as social media networks, the showcasing of the 2021 Communities in Bloom Hope Garden, the East Bayfield Community Park event, and the Barrie Farmer's Market.

M. Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson advised that one of the judges would not be participating in the judging for the Communities in Bloom and further indicated that Anthony O'Neil, President of the Canadian National Landscape Association would be joining judge Martin Quinn this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN